

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Kenmore School Survey Number: CE-1539

Project: Rehabilitation of school Agency: S/PSCP

Site visit by MHT Staff: no ☒ yes Name L. Bowlin Date 14 June 1994

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended ☒ x

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
Built as a high school in 1923, the Kenmore School served the surrounding rural communities outside of Elkton such as Fair Hill, ^{Paradise} ~~Paradise~~. Located with a shallow setback on Rt. 213 north of Elkton, Kenmore school is a one story brick building characterized by a gable roof, window groupings and simple interior trim. The original building contained three classrooms with an entrance on the northern bay. Two additional classrooms were added the following year which appear very similar to the original building materials and design. The County consolidated elementary schools in the area and sent younger children to Kenmore beginning in 1939. A large addition with colonial revival influence in 1955 greatly expanded the educational facility and accommodated growing program needs. The surrounding environment also reflects a hodge-podge of growth with nineteenth century buildings contrasted with 1960s ranchers and commercial structures. The brick building currently reflects all periods of growth; these later additions significantly reduce the integrity of the building's historic character. In my opinion, the Kenmore School is not eligible for the Maryland Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: compliance file "Kenmore School"

Prepared by: Cecil County Public Schools

L. Bowlin 5 July 1994
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes no not applicable

L. Bowlin 7.5.94
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☒ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☒ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture
☐ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☒ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): education/high school/elementary school

Known Design Source: Malone & Williams, Salisbury, Maryland

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
Maryland Historical Trust

JUN 15 1994

Dear Lauren:

We are looking forward to meeting you on Tuesday, June 14, 1994 in our offices beginning 9:30 a.m. Included below is information we have gathered about the history of the former Kenmore Elementary School, now referred to as "Old Kenmore", that we are planning to renovate for an alternative school and for Rising Sun Middle School, the former Rising Sun High School converted to a middle school in September, 1991. 9401587

Old Kenmore

Attached is a copy of "The Community" section of the educational specifications developed when the new Kenmore Elementary School was initially planned. This section details the grade levels that have attended "Old Kenmore" in the past as well as other "one room" type elementary school buildings in this attendance area which were used until 1939 when Old Kenmore's enrollment was changed to include grades one through eleven. 9401586

The schools in Cecil County were desegregated in the early 1960's. Until this time, white students attended Old Kenmore with black students attending the Carver School in Elkton.

Old Kenmore is located in a rural area of Cecil County. Because of its close proximity to the Town of Elkton, housing growth has occurred in this area. Based upon actual and anticipated housing growth in this attendance area, a new elementary school (Kenmore Elementary School) was constructed and opened in 1985. The restrictive site as well as the close proximity of the school building to Route 213 also contributed to the decision to construct a new elementary school which was opened in 1985.

The available drawings indicate the following architects of record for the original construction and subsequent additions:

Original Construction	Malone & Williams, Salisbury, Md.
1947 addition	Buckler, Fenhagen, Myer and Ayres
1954 addition	Johannes & Murray, Silver Springs & Cambridge

The construction of "Old Kenmore" and subsequent additions were undertaken by the Board of Education of Cecil County. There are no readily available and may be no remaining records to document the Board of Education's source of funding to pay for this construction.

A copy of the floor plan of this building is attached.

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Cecil County Public Schools is to educate all students through quality programs, to ensure equality of opportunity, to meet individual needs for maximum development of each child and to provide a foundation for lifelong learning.

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Rising Sun Middle School

Rising Sun Middle School is the former Rising Sun High School constructed in 1931 with additions in 1950 and 1965.

Attached are copies of "The Community" sections from the educational specifications for Rising Sun Middle School and for Rising Sun Elementary School. Both of these sections contain historical information about the Rising Sun community and its surrounding areas as well as dates when various grade level configurations attended this building and other school buildings in the surrounding areas.

The schools in Cecil County were desegregated in the early 1960's. Until this time, white students attended Rising Sun High School, but I need to search further to determine where black students attended school.

The Rising Sun High School was a junior-senior high school housing Grades 7 to 12. The Board of Education established in the 1960's a major priority goal to implement county wide the grade level organization of kindergarten to Grade 5 in elementary schools; grades 6 to 8 in middle schools and grades 9 to 12 in high schools. As enrollments grew in the Rising Sun area, this grade level organization was achieved with the construction and opening of a new Rising Sun High School in 1991. It was at that time that the former high school was converted to a middle school program housing students in grades 6 to 8. Grade 6 students who previously attended elementary schools were moved into the middle school.

Available drawings indicate the following architects of record for the original construction and subsequent additions:

Original Construction, 1930
1950 Addition
1965 Addition

Clyde N. Friz, Nelson Friz
Buckler, Fenhagen, Myer and Ayres
J. Prentiss Browne, Inc.

Again, the construction of the Rising Sun High School and subsequent additions were undertaken by the Board of Education of Cecil County. There are no readily available and may be no remaining records to document the Board of Education's source of funding to pay for this construction.

Attached for your information are floor plans of the Rising Sun Middle School indicating the original building and subsequent additions. Other copies of the floor plans indicate the intended purpose of instructional spaces in the original construction and additional instructional spaces and modifications/alternations to existing spaces made during each of the two subsequent addition/renovations.

Directions to Booth Street Center

I-95 north to the Elkton/Newark exit. Take Elkton branch of exit entering Route 279 heading south. At second stop light, turn left on North Street. Elkton Middle School will be on your right hand side after turning onto North Street. Follow North Street through residential area and over bridge. About 100 yds. after crossing the bridge, turn left on Stockton Street (small street with a sign saying "Not a Through Street"). Follow Stockton Street for about one block where it dead ends and connects with our parking lot. Booth Street Center is located in an elementary school built in the early 1950's.

from Educational Specifications for "Kenmore Elementary School"

THE COMMUNITY

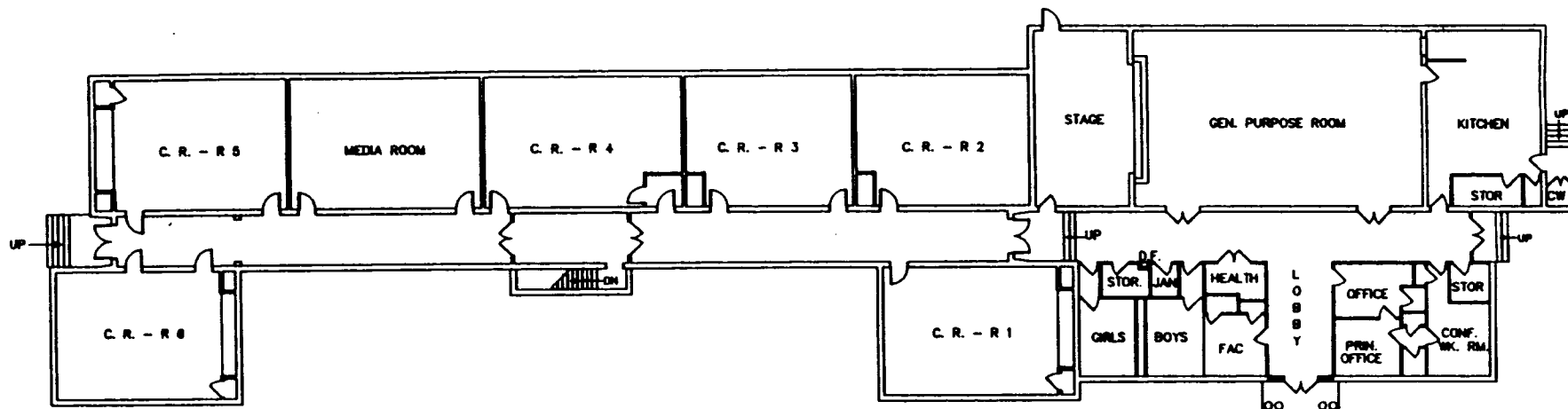
The Kenmore School, an educational facility exclusively for high school students, was erected in 1927. The ground for this school was donated by the owners of the Jessup and Moore Paper Company, a paper mill at Providence. Originally, mule barns were located on the site where the school stands. The mules were used for hauling pulp from Elkton to the mill, which was the only industry in the area and the source of income for most of the residents.

In September, 1939, Kenmore School's enrollment was changed to include pupils in grades one through eleven. Prior to 1939, elementary students in the area attended the Fair Hill Elementary, the Providence Elementary, and Andora Elementary Schools. The Andora Elementary School closed in the Fall of 1926. The Fair Hill Elementary School was closed in June, 1938, and purchased in 1940 by a local resident. It is presently a residence and site of the Fair Hill Garden Florist Shop. The Providence Elementary School closed at an unknown date and burned in 1980.

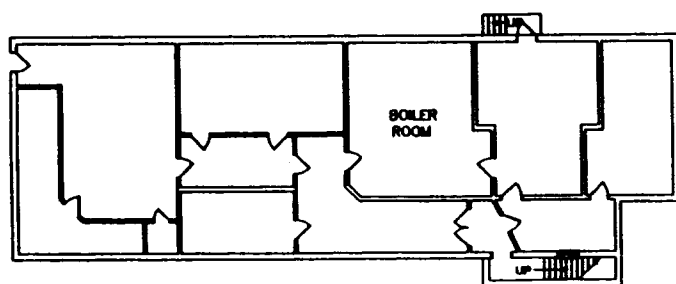
An addition to the Kenmore School was constructed beginning May 11, 1954, and was opened to pupils in January, 1955. This new addition was dedicated on March 27, 1955.

In 1958, the name of the school was changed to Kenmore Elementary School for grades one through six. One year later, in 1959, enrollment was changed to grades one through five when sixth grade students attended Elkton Senior High School. A kindergarten program was implemented in September, 1973. From 1973 to present, Kenmore Elementary School has provided the educational program for kindergarten through grade five students.

Kenmore Elementary School is primarily located in a rural area of Cecil County. The socio-economic levels represented in this school's community are widely dispersed.



GROUND FLOOR



BASEMENT



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TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

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MD 213, NORTH OF ELKTON
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